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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 23, 1891.

A WRITER in the Melbourne Leader has been dealing at some length with "Australia and the Chinese Question" regarded from the point of a possible attack by China to overrun the great island continent. After referring to the changes wrought even in China, and asserting that the Chinese, owing to strained relations with their neighbours, Russia, on the North, and France, on the South, as becoming uneasy and restless, this writer proceeds to remark:—"I suppose that few Australians believe in the possibility of a Chinese invasion of North Australia. At present they have neither the means nor the inclination; but they may obtain both very speedily. The recent war between France and China showed the vast improvements which had taken place in the Chinese as navigators, as sailors, and as soldiers. And a war between China and Russia, if it should ever take place, will give to China a knowledge of the art of war which she has never yet acquired. Whether China was victorious or was defeated, she would probably reight for some time, and, that's the point, to escape a whole series of bloody and devastating civil wars, would throw themselves in the shores of the neighbours. They could easily enough construct powerful fleets to take them to the nearest Australian coasts." He then quotes a Mr. SHERARD, who in an article in Le Nouvelle Revue asserts that the Chinese would have no difficulty in invading, and holding North Australia. As, however, the French journalist believes that the Chinese will gain eventual possession of Oregon, California, and Mexico, when there will scarcely be room to hope "that South America would remain any longer in the hands of the Spanish and Portuguese races," his opinion is hardly worth consideration.

The Leader contributor certainly considers the idea of a Chinese invasion of North and South America chimerical, but he is quite inclined to regard a Chinese invasion of North Australia as not only possible but likely. He points out the advance already made by the Chinese in the art of war as shown in their resistance to the French in the war in 1884-85, and goes on to consider the contingency in the following terms:—"An invasion, or perhaps

brought rather to be called a migration, to the northern coast of Australia, is quite within the limits of possibility unless federal action were taken. Queensland, South Australia, and West Australia, and especially their northern districts, would be quite powerless to withstand the myriads which might pour from China to the unprotected coast between Cape York and Dampier's Archipelago, unless they were supported by the naval and military power of the southern colonies." Other countries, such as Paraguay and Brazil, are at a great distance from China, but Australia is comparatively close at hand, and the portions of her coast most easily approached are precisely those which could offer least resistance to attack. "A Chinese junk might," he adds, "find some difficulty in making its way round Cape Leveque to Adelaid or Melbourne, or even working up the Australian coast to Brisbane or Sydney, and her inmates would encounter remarkably warm reception when she arrived at her destination. But the distance from the southern ports of China to the nearest point of North Australia is not more than 2,000 miles, the length of shore on which they might debark is almost 2,000 miles long, and the evident population along the whole extent of this vast coal line may be counted by hundreds. So far as I know, there is no place, except perhaps Port Darwin, with a population of as many as 1,000 between Cape York and Chambon Bay in West Australia." No such tract of unpopulated coast exists in any portion of the world, and if it were dealt with, we should welcome with delight the arrival of this station. It is stated, however, that on board the Pacific 75 punishment warrants have been read within a satisfactory conclusion of the Convention recently sitting at Sydney."

Our Australian friends need feel no alarm. The Chinese are not a warlike or aggressive people. They may resent—and no doubt will—being barred out of the United States and the Australian Colonies, but they will not endeavour to force their way into countries where they are unwelcome. The effect of such restriction may be to render them more bitter against foreigners, less inclined to trade with foreign merchants, and more determined to cut down the list of imports. But they have neither the desire to attempt expeditions abroad nor the organization to conduct them. They will only fight when driven into a corner, and then in self-defence alone. The constitution of the administration is, too, of such a nature as to render any foreign war of aggression most unlikely and unpopular. The eighteen provinces are practically autonomous, and have their own revenue and forces. 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